

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
September 15, 2009**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners was held on September 15, 2009, at the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ. The meeting was convened in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act with previous notification having been sent to the Secretary of State and the following publications: The Record in Bergen County, The Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, Trenton Times, Aisling Swift Press of Atlantic City and Asbury Park Press, to advise of the scheduling of this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Louis J. Haberman, C.P.O., (Chair) at 10:10 A.M.

OPENING STATEMENT - Reading of "The Sunshine Law"

PRESENT - Board Members

Louis J. Haberman, C.P.O., (Chair)
Brooke Artesi, L.O. CPED, (Co-Chair)
Heikki Uustal, M.D. and
Mildred E. Carlascio, C.O.

ALSO, PRESENT:

Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo, and
Executive Director, Laura L. Anderson.

**I. MINUTES: THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY MILDRED CARLASCIO AND
SECONDED BY HEIKKI UUSTAL, VOTED TO APPROVE THE
JULY 21, 2009, PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

II. REPORTS

2009 (1st half) Budget Report

Darlene Kane attended the meeting and answered questions from board members and presented an extensive explanation regarding the budget process.

III. OLD BUSINESS

The American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, Inc. ("ABC").

Pursuant to N.J.C.A. 13:44H-6.3 Continuing education; The Board with the assistance of Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed this requirement as may be applicable to Pedorthists licensed by the Board.

Charles Manning to attend the next scheduled meeting with appropriate regulatory language and directions for a proposal regarding the requirements for licensed Pedorthists in New Jersey.

IV. APPLICATIONS REVIEW

Jennie C. Webb

Applicant ID # 1390932

At its July 21, 2009, meeting the Board had reviewed and pre-approved an application for licensure as an orthotist assistant submitted by Jennie C. Webb. However, the Board had noticed that the Verification of Certification submitted by the American Board of Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics & Pedorthics, Inc. (“ABC”) issued a Certification to Ms. Webb on July 1, 2008, based on passing the “Orthotic Fitter Written Exam” and not the Technician exam required to become licensed as an orthotist assistant in the State of New Jersey.

The Board, upon motion made by Heikki Uustal and seconded by Mildred Carlascio, voted that a letter be sent to applicant Jennie C. Webb advising her that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:12B-11.b (2) and N.J.A.C. 13:44H3.5 (a) 2 an applicant for licensure as a prosthetist assistant, orthotist assistant, or prosthetist-orthotist assistant shall submit proof that he/she has passed the written, oral and practical examination administered by the American Board of Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics, Inc. (“ABC”).

V. LICENSURE REVIEW

The Board discussed the matter regarding the licensure previously issued to:

Thor L. Mataya
Olutayo Ezekiel Sasona

Upon carefully consideration and by motion made by Heikki Uustal and seconded by Mildred Carlascio, the Board voted that a letter be sent to Thor L. Mataya and Olutayo Ezekiel Sasona advising them that although a license as a prosthetist-orthotist assistant had been issued based on their American Board of Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics, Inc. (“ABC”) Certification, such certification was obtained by a pathway that did not require the ABC Prosthetic-Orthotic Technician exam. In addition and that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44H3.5 (a) 2; an applicant for licensure as a prosthetist assistant, orthotist assistant, or prosthetist-orthotist assistant shall submit proof that he/she has passed the

written, oral and practical examination administered by ABC. The letter should also offer a time limit for their response with their notification of their successful completion and/or scheduled date (if applicable) to take the ABC technician exam.

VI. Meeting re-schedule

The next Board meeting scheduled for October 20, 2009, to be cancelled and the next meeting to be held as scheduled on November 17, 2009, as soon as confirmation is received from each board member.

At 11:05 A.M., the Board, upon a motion made by Brooke Artesi and seconded by Mildred Carlascio, voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's regulations. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, that disciplinary action will be taken in a public session immediately after the session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director